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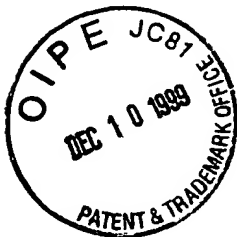
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1. Application - 41 pages, including 7 independent claims and 45 claims total.
2. Drawings - 11 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-10).

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